



Mrs Bradley's Recommended Reads!





"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."

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The following list includes *only* books that I have personally read and would **fully** recommend to my class. I have hard copies of practically all of these books so if you would like to borrow one, ask and I will see what I can do! Happy reading...

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">If Sharks Disappeared</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lily Williams</p>	<p>A healthy ocean is home to many different kinds of animals. They can be big, like a whale, tiny, like a shrimp, and even scary, like a shark.</p> <p>Even though sharks can be scary, we need them to keep the oceans healthy. Unfortunately, due to overfishing, many shark species are in danger of extinction, and that can cause big problems in the oceans and even on land.</p> <p>What would happen if this continued and sharks disappeared completely?</p> <p>Artist Lily Williams explores how the disappearance would affect other animals across the whole planet in this clever book about the importance of keeping sharks, and our oceans, healthy.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">What a Wonderful World</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bob Thiele</p>	<p>A beautiful book featuring the lyrics from What a Wonderful World, accompanied by bright and colourful illustrations from award-winning illustrator Tim Hopgood. It encourages children to see the beauty of the world and to love other people.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Antarctica</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ella Bailey</p>	<p>In One Day on our Blue Planet: In The Antarctica author Ella Bailey takes the young reader on a journey to ice and snow to follow a young Adélie penguin chick on her first solo trip away from the nest.</p> <p>The cute chick is easy to spot on every page, even when there are lots of other penguins to admire, because she has three white feathers on top of her head. A very clever idea and the kids watch the penguin leave the nesting ground for the first time on her own, leaving her parents behind and heading towards the Antarctic ocean to hunt in the icy waters for food. She swims through the southern water and dives deep under the ice and she meets seals and enormous whales and there's delicious fish and squid.</p> <p>The illustrations are bright, vivid and very beautiful (my personal favourite is the absolutely stunning page with the northern lights), with every page offering so much to see, it's a book which will engage children for quite a while.</p> <p style="color: red;">There are lots more books in the One Day on our Blue Planet to explore such as the Ocean, Outback, Rainforest and the Savannah.</p>

	<h2>The Diary of a Wombat</h2>	<p>Jackie French</p>	<p>A wombat's work is never done! Take a day trip with a wombat and discover the ins and outs of her day, in this modern classic Australian picture book. There are holes to be dug and territory to be defended – and don't forget all the eating and sleeping that needs to be squeezed in too!</p>
	<h2>We're going on an Egg Hunt</h2>	<p>Martha Mumford</p>	<p>We're going on an egg hunt. We're going to find them all. We're REALLY excited. Hooray for Easter Day!</p> <p>Join the Easter Bunnies as they set off on an exciting lift-the-flap Easter egg hunt. With ten eggs to find and count, it's great fun. But watch out for the obstacles along the way - lambs, chicks, bees and ducks - and there's even a wolfish surprise, so do take care.</p> <p>Based on the traditional 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' rhyme, this will be a huge hit with all fans of the classic We're Going on a Bear Hunt.</p>